GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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FACTORIES POLLUTING GANGA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the name of industrial units on and around the river Ganges which have not so far installed pollution treatment plants, location-wise;

(b) whether certain companies/factories particularly Vam Orgnic Factory has been causing pollution in the Ganga river for the last twenty five years;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the names of officers held responsible for negligence in this regard alongwith the punishment meted out to them; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to rectify the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a)to(e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in the reply to Parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 270 to be answered on 9.12.2002 on Factories Polluting Ganga

(a) to (c) A total of 187 units have been identified as grossly polluting industries around the river Ganga. Of these, 133 units have installed Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs) and the remaining 54 units are closed.Out of 133 units, where ETPs are in operation, 8 units are not achieving the prescribed discharge standards due to inadequacies in design and operation of treatment plants. The names and location of these units are given below:

Sl.No. Name and location of the Industry

Uttar Pradesh

1. Kisan Cooperative Sugar Mill, Farrukhabad

2. Govt. Opium & Alkaloid Factory, Ghazipur

3. M/s Nuwell Calcutta Pvt. Ltd., Ramnagar

4. M/s Kisan Sahakari Chini Mill, (Distillary Division), Farukhabad

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5. Bata India Limited, Mokamah
6. M/s Locomotive Workshop, Eastern Railway, Jamalpur

WEST BENGAL

7. Jayshree Textile Ind., Rishra, District Hooghly

8. Indian Oil Corporation, District Midnapur

The above units have been directed to ensure effective operation of their effluent treatment plants to meet the prescribed discharge standards. Under the directions of the Central Pollution Control Board, M/s Vam Organics have installed primary and secondary effluent treatment plants. The industry is using part of the treated effluent for irrigation. The remaining effluent is stored in lined lagoons and discharged into the Bagad nallah during rainy season.

(d) & (e) Does not arise.